(b) if so, the amount spent on the modernisation of the first phase of the above Steel Plant;

(c) the target fixed for the modernisation of the second phase of that Steel Plant; and

(d) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Major production facilities for Phase-I of the Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have been completed in March, 1994.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 503.35 crores has been incurred in Phase-I of the modernisation programme upto June, 1995.

(c) The target date of completion of Phase-II of the modernisation programme is August, 1996.

(d) For timely completion of Phase-II of the modernisation programme, SAIL (RSP) have taken the following measures:

(i) Providing construction equipment support to the contracting agencies.

(ii) Making direct payments to sub-vendors for critical equipment supply as well as for site activities.

(iii) Organising vendors/sub-vendors interaction to resolve their problems for timely equipment supply.

(iv) Maintaining buffer stock for cement and steel to ensure its timely availability to the contracting agencies, wherever needed.

(v) Taking over the jobs from the defaulting contracting agencies in cases of unsatisfactory performances and executing the same through alternate agencies.

(vi) Monitoring the project very closely at Plant/Corporate and Government levels.

**गन्ने की पैदावार वाले क्षेत्र में कमी**

687. **प्रो॰ राम बक्ष सिंह वर्मा:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गन्ने की पैदावार वाले क्षेत्र में निरंतर कमी आई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गन्ने की पैदावार वाले क्षेत्र का जिलावार ब्यौरा क्या है?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम):** (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

(ग) गन्ने के अंतर्गत जिला-वार क्षेत्र के संबंध में आंकड़े राज्यों से एकत्र किए जा रहे हैं।

**Funding of mining projects by External Agencies**

688. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any external agencies have been funding the mining projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the funds made available during the last three years; and

(c) the progress made in implementing the projects and the extent of area covered, Projectwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the funds made available during the last 3 years and progress made in implementing the projects are as follows:

| S.No. | Name of the Project | Funding Agency/ Country and Aid | Ojbectives/Status |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Project of Hindustan Zinc Limited. | United Kingdom PDS 83.609 Mill. | Developing a zinc and Lead mine at Rampura Agucha and smelting complex at Chanderiya, Rajasthan. The project is almost complete. |
| 2. | Malanjkhand Copper Expansion Project (Engg. Services) of Hindustan Copper Ltd. | OECF, Japan Yen 1175.7 Million | To evaluate all available date, conduct addl. investigations & prepare designs for mine, mill and metallurgical processes for the expansion of Malanjkhand Copper Project. Project started in 1990 and is expected to be completed in 1995. |
| 3. | Demonstration of Siro Smelting technology in Ghatsila Smelter of Hindustan Copper Ltd. Phase I. | Australia $ A 1,300,000 | To identify Australian technology, expertise equipment requirement demonstration viable application of Sirosmelt technology and prepare a Feasibility report. Project is completed. |
| 4. | Smelter Complex Development Project Ph. II of Hindustan Copper ltd. | Australia $ A 1,849,000 | To assist HCL to recover precious metals (Gold & Silver) from amode slimes at its Ghatsila Copper Smelter Complex through the provision of furnace based on Sirosmelt technology. The project is under implementation. |
| 5. | Coal Mining & Quality Improvement Project. | World Bank US$ 323.06 mill. | The project is nearing completion. |
| 6. | Jharia Mine Fire Technical Assistance Project. | World Bank US$ 12 million | The project is expected to be completed by the credit closing date of 30.6.1996. |
| 7. | Exploration & Pilot Scale Mining for Placer Gold Deposits in Nilambur Valley, Kerala in areas already explored. Project durattion is 8 months and is under implementation. | France FF 1,729,500 | To select and implement suitable system for pilot scale mining of placer gold desposits in Nilammbur Valley, Kerala in areas already explored. Project duration is 8 months and is under implementation. |
| 8. | Detailed Exploration of Lead Zinc deposits in Rajasthan Phase II. | France FF. 1,660,000 | Technical assistance to discover buried or concealed economic Lead Zinc through an exploration programme using appropriate software package at two levels. The Project is expected to be completed in six months. |
| 9. | Detailed Exploration of concealed copper deposits along the Khetri Belt, Phase II. | France FF 977,355 | To identify potential concealed economic deposits in 6 most promising blocks of the area based on selection made during initial phase of the work. Project is expected to be completed in 7 months. |
| 10. | Multimetal Exploration in some greenstone belts of South India. | France FF 276,355 | Project envisages supply of additional GDM modules and training of GSI experts. Project is under implementation. |
| 11. | Supply of Analytical and Geophysical equipment to Geological Survey of India. | France FF 8,981,920 | The project envisages supply of analytical and geophysical equipment to GSI. Project is under implementation. |
| 12. | Setting up of Mineral resources & intelligence system data base. | France FF 3,485,900 | Technical assistance for setting up of a mineral resource & intelligence system data base at the Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur. The project has commenced in Feb. 95 and project duration is 31 months. |
| 13. | Regional Geochemical Inventory of Karnataka Craton Green Stone Belts. | France FF 11,087,175 | To prepare a regional geochemical inventory of selected areas of Karnataka Craton Green Stone Belts. The project work is in progress. |